

From: Bolen, Brittany
Location: WH
Importance: Normal
Subject: TENTATIVE HOLD: NAAQS memo signing
Start Date/Time: Fri 4/6/2018 5:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 4/6/2018 6:15:00 PM

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Cc: Clint Woods (woods.Clint@epa.gov)[woods.Clint@epa.gov]
Sent: Fri 4/6/2018 4:45:21 PM
Subject: RE: NAAQS Memo Timing

From: Bowman, Liz

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:43 PM

To: Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** Catanzaro, Michael J.
 EOP/WHO **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** Schlapp, Mercedes V. EOP/WHO

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Cc: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy
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Thanks,

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Office: 202-564-3293

To: Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Harlow, David[harlow.david@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin[Schwab.Justin@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik[baptist.erik@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Darwin, Henry[darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Sands, Jeffrey[sands.jeffrey@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tue 10/31/2017 3:34:35 PM
Subject: NAAQS, RH, Permitting
[2017naaqs.mem.clerk edits.docx](#)
[170904 - NAAQS PM -- NEC Responses to OLC \(2010\) + OLC \(9.28.2017\).docx](#)

All, the attached will likely be issued at the WH in December.

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I just wanted to place this on your radar as something the WH is working up.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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To: Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
From: Dravis, Samantha
Sent: Wed 1/3/2018 6:59:56 PM
Subject: Fwd: Meeting request for Jackson, Ryan: Meeting re Air Quality Standards Executive Order
[Fwd Meeting request for Jackson Ryan Meeting re Air Quality Standards Executive Order.ics](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[170904 - NAAQS PM -- NEC Responses to OLC \(2010\) + OLC \(9.28.2017\).docx](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)
[2017naaqs.mem.clerk edits.docx](#)
[ATT00003.htm](#)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Date: January 3, 2018 at 1:46:36 PM EST
To: "Wehrum, Bill" <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>, "Gunasekara, Mandy" <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>, "Dravis, Samantha" <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: "Dickerson, Aaron" <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Meeting request for Jackson, Ryan: Meeting re Air Quality Standards Executive Order

Can you guys attend this meeting with me Friday?

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Aaron can handle your WAVES.

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Thanks

Ryan.

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 7:48 PM
To: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>
Subject: NAAQS, RH, Permitting

The attached are the latest iterations of the Presidential memo. The first attachment is the latest Staff Secretary draft which is fairly ready to go. Will you guys review this one more time?

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Thanks.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

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From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 2:10:42 PM
Subject: FW: 2018-04-06 NAAQS Memo NO2 Release Draft esb.docx

Liz,

Version below includes updates highlighted green. We are also expecting an additional quote from Wisconsin DNR by 12:30 today. CEQ says they expect signature this afternoon, and they will have a fact sheet available.

Clint

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Thanks for the edits on this front.

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“The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has been a leader in exceptional event demonstrations and we appreciate the Administration’s commitment to timely review of the same. And we wholeheartedly support the continuing study of background and international transport of air pollutants.”

- Misael Cabrera, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

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Attached, and below, please find a slightly updated release. I just moved around the quote a bit and shortened some paragraphs. Please let me know if you have edits. Molly, can you please help up tee this up, if it’s ready while I am at my white house comms meeting?
 Thank you all – Liz

Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Fri 4/6/2018 6:11:01 PM
Subject: FW: NAAQS Memo Timing

FYI...looks like we aren't sending the release out today?

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 5:45:14 PM
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: NAAQS Memo and NO2 Release

Nice work, thank you. Molly, can you please update and send it around? I will check back on

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On Apr 12, 2018, at 1:19 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

One more additional quote:

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Wehrum, Bill <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>; Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: NAAQS Memo and NO2 Release

Please see updated, clean release below. Let me know if there are any factual edits or quotes we're missing. Thanks!

Molly

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To: Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
From: InsideEPA.com
Sent: Wed 4/25/2018 10:54:59 AM
Subject: The Morning Headlines from InsideEPA.com -- April 25, 2018

REDEFINING EPA: Overhauling an agency and its mission -- Complete coverage

April 25, 2018

Latest News

Facing Legal Hurdles, EPA's 'Secret Science' Plan Punts On Key Issues

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has signed a long-promised plan barring the agency's use of any information in decision-making that is not publicly available, but the proposed rule punts on a host of tricky legal and implementation issues, including statutory mandates to use the best available science and how to address confidential trade secrets and medically protected data.

NRDC Threatens Rare SDWA Suit Over New Jersey City's LCR Compliance

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is threatening to file a rare suit against state and local officials in New Jersey over alleged violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) lead and copper rule (LCR), citing sampling and water treatment issues that are central to EPA's debate over how to update the LCR.

Utilities Urge EPA To Delay Ash Rule Deadlines Pending Policy Revisions

Utilities are urging EPA to postpone compliance deadlines in its coal ash disposal rule while the agency revises the policy to allow for site-specific disposal criteria and other flexibilities, warning that even if the rule is changed ahead of those deadlines there will be little time to craft new standards before facilities must take "irreversible" compliance steps.

EPA, State Air Funding Cuts Might Hinder Implementation Of NAAQS Memo

State air regulators are warning that President Donald Trump's bid to slash EPA and state air quality funding could hinder implementation of his memo directing the agency to overhaul and streamline the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) process, saying even current funding might be insufficient to achieve the memo's goals.

EPA Argues Ruling Scrapping Parts Of Ozone Policy At Odds With Air Law

EPA is asking a U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit panel to reconsider its ruling scrapping parts of an Obama-era rule on implementing the 2008

ozone ambient air limit and revoking the 1997 standard, arguing that the court's fears over the rule worsening air quality are unfounded and at odds with the Clean Air Act.

EPA Urges Local Officials To Adopt Pre-Disaster Climate Adaptation Plans

EPA is urging local government officials to adopt "worst-case" climate adaptation plans to limit damage from future natural disasters, a stance that appears to be at odds with the Trump administration's general resistance to acknowledging and addressing climate change and its adverse impacts.

Daily Feed

5th Circuit prepares to hear ELG delay challenge

An appeals court is starting up a case over EPA's delay of an Obama-era power plant effluent rule after a district judge blocked environmentalists' bid to keep an identical suit in a lower court.

Democrats seek IG probe into Pruitt's Superfund pick

The lawmakers are seeking an inquiry into whether EPA followed "suitability" requirements when Administrator Scott Pruitt hired a disgraced former banker to oversee the agency's Superfund reforms.

California court upholds state's Prop. 65 glyphosate listing

While the state court rejected industry arguments, a federal court has blocked the state from requiring the pesticide be labeled as a carcinogen.

Pruitt signs proposed rule limiting EPA science

EPA's proposal has drawn concerns from industry groups who fear it would limit EPA's ability to use trade secret information to approve chemicals and pesticides.

EPA poised to release science transparency rule

It is not clear how the measure will address concerns from industry groups and some top agency officials that basing regulatory decision on publicly available science will limit use of confidential industry studies.

Ewire: Inhofe, other GOP senators call for Pruitt hearing

In today's Ewire: Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) says "a couple of us on the committee think it's appropriate to have a hearing in so far as any accusation having to do with his office is concerned."

Boozman touts 'SRF WIN' bill but open to changes

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) told water industry representatives he is willing to make

additional changes to his bill that some industry representatives have criticized.

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Cc: Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]; Feeley, Drew (Robert)[Feeley.Drew@epa.gov]; Woods, Clint[woods.clint@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wed 3/7/2018 11:30:15 PM
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY-CLIENT, ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

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From: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 5:49 PM
To: Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>
Cc: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Feeley, Drew (Robert) <Feeley.Drew@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Subject: ATTORNEY-CLIENT, ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

(This email contains deliberative and pre-decisional matters)

Hi Matt and Justin,

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Richard

Richard Yamada

Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Research and Development

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From: Woods, Clint
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No worries - Thanks!

On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:47 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry, Clint. Didn't want to clog your inbox, as it was just about timing, but will be sure to copy you on all emails.

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Hey Liz – please be sure to copy Clint on NAAQS related emails.

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Thanks,

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To: Guith, Christopher[CGuith@USChamber.com]
From: Guith, Christopher
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 9:39:00 PM
Subject: Chamber Statements on OFD & NAAQS Memo

U.S. Chamber statement on Presidential memo on air quality regulatory processes:

"Today's presidential directive contains commonsense reforms that will improve the air quality regulatory process so domestic manufacturing and job creation face fewer regulatory barriers. The EPA, states, and businesses have a long track record of working cooperatively to improve air quality across the nation. Unfortunately, during the previous administration, that cooperation was abandoned in favor of an overly aggressive approach that unfairly burdened state and local economies. This made it more difficult and costly to obtain permits for badly needed infrastructure, energy, and manufacturing activities. The measures in today's directive will restore the cooperation necessary for continued environmental progress while enhancing the competitiveness of U.S. industry. We look forward to working with EPA as it executes this directive."

See more at: <https://www.globalenergyinstitute.org/us-chamber-statement-presidential-air-quality-memo>

US Chamber Praises One Federal Decision MOU

The following statement is from Neil Bradley, executive vice president and chief policy officer for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce: "The U.S. Chamber has taken a leading role for years in the effort to streamline the permitting process. Bringing infrastructure projects to completion quickly and efficiently is critical for generating economic growth, which is why we made permit streamlining a cornerstone of our infrastructure plan. Simply put, it shouldn't take longer to approve a project than to build it. Environmental reviews are crucial to ensuring clean air and water, but it's possible and necessary for the reviews to be completed in a more timely manner. We welcome the administration's commitment to One Federal Decision and applaud it as a much-needed step in the process to modernize America's infrastructure. We're eager to see more of this kind of reform-minded progress from the administration and Congress in the weeks and months to come." For more information about the U.S. Chamber's infrastructure plan, please [click here](#).

See more at: <https://www.globalenergyinstitute.org/us-chamber-praises-one-federal-decision-mou>

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Will make those changes now.

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On Apr 12, 2018, at 3:46 PM, Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov> wrote:

This is Clint

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: NAAQS Memo and NO2 Release

Nice work, thank you. Molly, can you please update and send it around? I will check back on timing, as should be soon

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On Apr 12, 2018, at 1:19 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

One more additional quote:

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To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Wehrum, Bill <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>; Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
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Please see updated, clean release below. Let me know if there are any factual edits or quotes we're missing. Thanks!

Molly

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To: Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
From: EPA Press Office
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 6:31:53 PM
Subject: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

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The memo, *Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation — Policies and Procedures Relating to Implementation of Air Quality Standards*, calls for setting air quality standards based on transparent science.

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From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Fri 4/6/2018 3:51:16 PM
Subject: FW:
NAAQS Memo & NO2 Release Draft - 4-6-18.docx

-----Original Message-----

From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Attached is draft (not wedded to anything in there but bullets match up with talking points sent earlier). Still waiting on 2-3 state quotes.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Great, thank you. I can turn this into a draft release. Please send me whatever quotes you gather and I will add them to the draft.

-----Original Message-----

From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 10:38 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 10:22 AM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject:

Can we put together a release from epa following release and signing of the EO today highlighting what epa is doing already to implement it?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

To: Darwin, Henry[darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 10/13/2017 12:07:52 PM
Subject: FW: NAAQS PM
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I tried to send this a moment ago, and apparently it didn't work.

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To: Darwin, Henry[darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Fri 10/13/2017 12:03:39 PM
Subject: FW: NAAQS PM
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To: Wehrum, Bill[Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Harlow, David[harlow.david@epa.gov]
Cc: Dominguez, Alexander[dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]
From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Thur 3/29/2018 10:20:28 PM
Subject: FW: Document1
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Below is a draft response of bullets – I will clean up a bit and plan to send back to RJ at 7:00 PM Eastern tonight unless anyone sees any red flags. Just about everything below has already been in testimony talking points, “year in review” document, or EPA reports.

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Cc: Wehrum, Bill <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Document1

Clint, the attached are the bare bones of the EO which looks to be signed April 6. Attached is also what I believe to be the final form of the EO although I'm unsure about that.

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Thank you.

To: Wehrum, Bill[Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Harlow, David[harlow.david@epa.gov]
From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Wed 3/28/2018 10:10:10 PM
Subject: FW: Draft Presidential Memo
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Updated, close hold draft memo attached. At first glance,

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Thanks!

From: Neumayr, Mary B. EOP/CEQ [mailto:Mary.B.Neumayr@ceq.eop.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Cc: Catanzaro, Michael J. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/CEQ
Subject: Draft Presidential Memo

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To: Wehrum, Bill[Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wed 3/28/2018 4:04:27 PM
Subject: RE: NAAQS Memo

Catanzaro indicated the event may slip now anyway to the follow week of April 9, but he's traveling that week too.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wehrum, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 11:36 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Subject: NAAQS Memo

SP just called me. Next week's WH signing ceremony for the NAAQS implementation memo conflicts with his travel. He asked us to try to push off the event. Can we connect in the morning? Thanks.

Bill Wehrum
Assistant Administrator
Office of Air and Radiation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564-7404

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April 12, 2018

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Attached is a copy of a memorandum from the President, dated April 12, 2018, on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation -- Policies and Procedures Relating to Implementation of Air Quality Standards.

My office has filed the original of this memorandum with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Thank you.



David E. Kalbaugh
Executive Clerk

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April 12, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

SUBJECT: Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job
Creation -- Policies and Procedures Relating
to Implementation of Air Quality Standards

Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), Public Law 88-206, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for certain common air pollutants, often referred to as "criteria pollutants," which it must review every 5 years. Over the past four decades, EPA has revised these standards a number of times to increase their stringency, including revisions to the standards for ozone, particulate matter, and four other criteria pollutants. Since 1970, emissions of criteria pollutants have declined dramatically and air quality has improved significantly. At the same time, each new revision of the NAAQS triggers numerous new planning, permitting, and other requirements for affected States, localities, and regulated entities. In addition, each new revision can affect the planning for and availability of Federal funding for certain new transportation projects.

Under the CAA, States with areas that do not meet revised NAAQS must submit for approval to the Administrator of the EPA (Administrator) State Implementation Plans (SIPs) showing how they will comply with the revised standards. States that fail to submit a SIP or that submit an inadequate SIP risk the imposition of a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) that establishes a path to compliance. In addition, manufacturers and other applicants seeking preconstruction permits for new construction generally must demonstrate compliance with the new standards as soon as they go into effect. As the NAAQS have become more stringent, obtaining the air permits needed to construct new manufacturing and industrial facilities or to expand or modernize existing facilities has become increasingly difficult. In some areas, revised NAAQS are approaching what are considered to be "background levels" of pollution (i.e.,

levels associated with natural sources or emissions originating outside of the United States), leading to significant practical challenges for constructing or expanding manufacturing and industrial facilities. Those challenges range from difficulties in demonstrating compliance to costs and uncertainty associated with permitting delays and emissions-control requirements.

Under the CAA, EPA has also established a Regional Haze Program, which requires States to submit for the Administrator's approval plans that cover 10-year implementation periods and to demonstrate "reasonable progress" toward improving and maintaining visibility in certain national parks and wilderness areas. In recent years, States have spent significant time and resources developing Regional Haze Program SIPs. EPA, however, has rejected several of them, in whole or in part, and issued FIPs in their place, which often impose more costly and burdensome measures.

Given the national importance of successful and efficient implementation of air quality standards to promote public health, welfare, and economic growth, this memorandum directs the Administrator to take specific actions to ensure efficient and cost-effective implementation of the NAAQS program, including with regard to permitting decisions for new and expanded facilities, and with respect to the Regional Haze Program. These actions are intended to ensure that EPA carries out its core missions of protecting the environment and improving air quality in accord with statutory requirements, while reducing unnecessary impediments to new manufacturing and business expansion essential for a growing economy.

Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby directed as follows:

Section 1. Timely Processing of State Implementation Plans. The Administrator shall, as practicable and consistent with law, endeavor in all cases to take final action on SIPs within 18 months of the date of the submission of a SIP. This goal applies to all SIPs and SIP revisions submitted pursuant to section 110 of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7410). The Administrator shall consider the expansion of existing performance goals related to the timely processing of SIPs starting with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 performance plan.

Sec. 2. Cooperative Engagement with States to Review Regional Haze Plans. The Administrator shall undertake a process to review all full or partial FIPs issued under the 2007 planning period of the Regional Haze Program and to develop options, at the request of affected States, consistent with law, to replace FIPs with approvable SIPs. The Administrator shall consider the expansion of existing performance goals related to the cooperative engagement with States in EPA's review of Regional Haze Plans starting with the FY 2019 performance plan.

Sec. 3. Timely Processing of Preconstruction Permit Applications. The Administrator shall endeavor to take final action on applications for preconstruction permits, as appropriate and consistent with law, within 1 year of the date of receiving a complete application. This 1-year goal applies to all completed applications for preconstruction permits for which EPA is the direct permitting authority under the CAA. The Administrator shall also seek to ensure that determinations relating to the completeness of an application are not unduly delayed. To the extent that a State is the direct permitting authority, EPA shall endeavor to provide prompt technical support, reviews, and determinations, as necessary and consistent with applicable law, in order to assist States in the timely issuance of preconstruction permits. The Administrator shall, starting with the FY 2019 performance plan, develop performance goals related to the timely processing of preconstruction permit applications.

Sec. 4. Demonstrations or Petitions Submitted Pursuant to Sections 319 and 179B of the CAA Relating to Emissions Beyond the Control of State and Local Air Agencies. The Administrator shall take the following actions with regard to demonstrations or petitions submitted pursuant to sections 319 and 179B of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7619, 7509a), in order to provide relief to State and local air agencies addressing emissions that are beyond their control:

(a) Timely Processing. With respect to all exceptional event demonstrations submitted pursuant to section 319 of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7619), and all demonstrations or petitions relating to international emissions submitted pursuant to section 179B of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7509a), the Administrator shall endeavor to take final action within 120 days of a complete submission, as appropriate and consistent with law. The Administrator shall also endeavor to use available

monitoring data and modeling tools to assist States in identifying potential exceptional events and international emissions that may affect concentrations of criteria pollutants. The Administrator shall, starting with the FY 2019 performance plan, develop performance goals related to the timely processing of demonstrations or petitions.

(b) Policies Relating to International Emissions. The Administrator shall ensure that EPA continues to take into consideration a State's ability to meet and attain NAAQS that may be affected by international transport of criteria pollutants. With regard to all demonstrations or petitions submitted pursuant to section 179B of the CAA, the Administrator shall also seek to ensure, including through rulemakings or guidance and as appropriate and consistent with law, that EPA does not limit its consideration of demonstrations or petitions to those submitted by States located on the borders of the United States with Mexico or Canada, but rather considers section 179B demonstrations or petitions submitted by any State, including but not limited to those located in the Western United States. Additionally, with respect to section 179B demonstrations or petitions, the Administrator shall ensure that EPA does not limit its consideration to emissions emanating from Mexico or Canada, but rather considers, where appropriate, emissions that may emanate from any location outside the United States, including emissions from Asia.

(c) Continuing Assessment. In implementing section 179B of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7509a), section 319 of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7619), and section 182(h) of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7511a(h)), the Administrator shall ensure that EPA continues to assess background concentrations and sources of pollution outside of the control of State and local air agencies that may affect implementation or application of these provisions. Such assessment may include current and future trends in pollution from foreign sources; regional trends in exceptional events, including wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusions, and volcanic seismic activities; and other events, as appropriate and consistent with law.

Sec. 5. Monitoring and Modeling Data. The Administrator shall take the following actions to ensure that monitoring and modeling data is used appropriately in designations, permitting decisions, and demonstrations:

(a) Designations. Given the significant planning, permitting, and other requirements for affected States, localities, and regulated entities associated with nonattainment designations, the Administrator's goal for future designations should be, to the extent feasible and permitted by law, to rely on data from EPA-approved air quality monitors for such designations.

(b) Permitting Decisions and Demonstrations.

(i) Where modeling is necessary for permitting decisions, for State plans, or for exceptional event or international emissions demonstrations, the Administrator shall seek to ensure that EPA's applicable modeling tools are sufficiently accurate for their intended application; and that the relevant State or local air agency, or permit applicant as applicable, is consulted regarding whether the use of modeling projections in lieu of monitored data is appropriate. The Administrator should also seek to streamline EPA's processes for considering and approving inputs to models and updates to modeling techniques, including updates to account for site-specific conditions. Where EPA-approved models are not representative of site conditions or planned activities, the Administrator shall seek, as appropriate and consistent with law, to streamline the process for approving alternative models and to provide for other methods that promote innovative State approaches.

(ii) The Administrator shall, consistent with law, continue to take actions, such as setting significant impact levels and related values, that enable EPA to clearly identify the types or classes of permitting and related decisions that do not require modeling or that can rely on streamlined modeling approaches. This requirement is especially important in areas for which EPA concludes that permits need to demonstrate compliance with NAAQS that have yet to be fully implemented. In developing significant impact levels, EPA should, as appropriate and consistent with law, allow for natural variability in meteorological conditions and industrial processes.

Sec. 6. Offsets. To the extent consistent with law and air quality improvement, the Administrator shall provide flexibility to States with regard to identifying and achieving offsets, including by allowing intrastate and regional inter-precursor trading. These efforts should include development and implementation of flexible offset policies in rural areas where few facilities exist to generate offsets, in order to promote their economic expansion. The Administrator shall examine steps to help regions and States benefit from flexibilities available in the permitting process for new facilities and projects.

Sec. 7. Future NAAQS Reviews. The Administrator shall evaluate whether EPA is complying fully with the requirements of section 109(d)(2)(C) of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7409(d)(2)(C)) relating to the scope and characterization of advice provided by its Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee, including requirements that the Committee advise the Administrator regarding background concentrations and adverse public health or other effects that may result from implementation of revised air quality standards. In addition, the Administrator shall examine the current NAAQS review process and develop criteria to ensure transparency in the evaluation, assessment, and characterization of scientific evidence in such reviews. The Administrator shall also develop clear guidance for differentiating the role of science and policy considerations in establishing NAAQS.

Sec. 8. Timely Issuance of Implementing Regulations and Guidance. When issuing any final rule establishing or revising NAAQS, the Administrator shall, where appropriate and consistent with law, concurrently issue regulations and guidance necessary for implementing the new or revised standards. The regulations and guidance shall specify the information that is relevant to the submission and consideration of SIPs and preconstruction permit applications.

Sec. 9. Review of Rules, Guidance, Memoranda, and Procedures Relating to State Implementation Plans and Permitting. The Administrator shall evaluate EPA's existing rules, guidance, memoranda, and other public documents relating to the implementation of NAAQS, including documents that relate to the submission and consideration of preconstruction permit applications. The Administrator shall, consistent with law, determine whether any such documents should be revised or rescinded to ensure more timely permitting decisions under the

NAAQS. Any resulting revisions or rescissions should seek, among other things, to provide States with additional implementation flexibility. The Administrator should also evaluate the adequacy of existing internal review procedures to determine whether they can be improved to ensure prompt evaluation and timely action on new and pending SIPs and permit applications.

Sec. 10. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

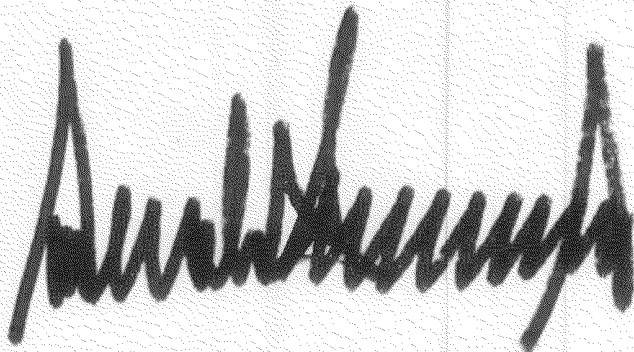
(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

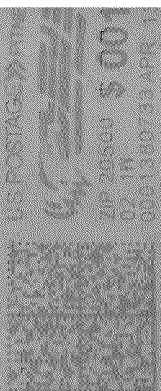
(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(d) You are hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, likely of the Administrator, is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page. The signature is stylized and cursive, spanning across several lines of the document's background.



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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

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From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Thur 4/5/2018 12:05:33 AM
Subject: 180328 - 2018naaqs.mem.final CLEAN (1500).docx
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To: Schwab, Justin[Schwab.Justin@epa.gov]
From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Mon 10/16/2017 9:02:28 AM
Subject: EO
170904 - NAAQS PM -- NEC Responses to OLC (2010) + OLC (9.28.2017).docx
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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Wed 10/11/2017 11:36:59 AM
Subject: EO
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This is the latest version I have

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Wed 10/11/2017 1:17:07 PM
Subject: FW: NAAQS PM
2017naaqs.mem.clerk edits.docx

From: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]; Michael.J.Catanzaro [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

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From: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]; Nicholas.W.Butterfield [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

Hi Nick, just checking back in to see if there's been any movement on this. Thanks.

From: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]; <Nicholas.W.Butterfield [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]>
Cc: Staff Secretary <staffsecretary [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]>
Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

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From: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] <Michael.J.Catanzaro@Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>
Cc: Staff Secretary <staffsecretary@Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>
Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

Here is OLC's next turn on NAAQS. We are reviewing these now, but wanted you to have.

From: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] <Nicholas.W.Butterfield@Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>
Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

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From: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Catanzaro, Michael J. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] <Michael.J.Catanzaro@Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>
Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

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Thank you,

Nick

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From: Butterfield, Nicholas W. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:23 PM

To: Catanzaro, Michael J. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy <Michael.J.Catanzaro Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>

Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

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Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:32 PM

To: Butterfield, Nicholas W. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] <Nicholas.W.Butterfield@epa.gov> [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

Subject: RE: NAAQS PM

Ok, many thanks.

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From: Noonan, Jenny
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 6:55:07 PM
Subject: FW: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

From: DeLuca, Isabel
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Cortelyou-Lee, Jan <Cortelyou-Lee.Jan@epa.gov>
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Date: April 12, 2018 at 2:31:53 PM EDT

To: "Jones.Enesta@epa.gov" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>

Subject: **Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation**

Reply-To: press@epa.gov

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To: Johnson, Yvonne W[Johnson.Yvonnew@epa.gov]
Cc: Wood, Anna[Wood.Anna@epa.gov]
From: Kornylak, Vera S.
Sent: Thur 4/19/2018 12:21:19 PM
Subject: FW: ACTION: Wehrum talking points for the NAAQS Presidential Memorandum
[NAAQS Memo.docx](#)

Hi Yvonne: just including you in this email chain to say that I think I'm on point to provide a response back to Kristen. I will work on that today and tomorrow. I'll coordinate w/ others in IO as appropriate (e.g., Scott on designations; Michael on international).

Anna, if you had other plans for this email, just let me know.

Vera

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Subject: FW: ACTION: Wehrum talking points for the NAAQS Presidential Memorandum

Hi Vera,

I'm sending this along as an FYI. I haven't heard from Anna, but Jenny forwarded the slides you prepared, so that may be a good starting point for this request. I'll call you in a few.

Kristen Bremer

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From: Bremer, Kristen

Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:05 AM

To: Wood, Anna <Wood.Anna@epa.gov>; Richard Wayland (Wayland.Richard@epa.gov)
<Wayland.Richard@epa.gov>; Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>

Subject: ACTION: Wehrum talking points for the NAAQS Presidential Memorandum

As we discussed in staff meeting on Tuesday, I'm preparing talking points for Bill Wehrum's meeting with the ADDs next week. I've stripped out the main points from the presidential memo on the NAAQS and attached it to this email.

The big questions we need to answer are:

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Who should I work with in your division to draft talking points for the sections relating to your division? In some instances, it may be more than one person (particularly for AQPD). Let me know, and thanks for your assistance.

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Cc: Gibson, Benjamin[gibson.benjamin@epa.gov]; Wood, Anna[Wood.Anna@epa.gov]; Jones, Rhea[Jones.Rhea@epa.gov]
From: Kornylak, Vera S.
Sent: Mon 4/16/2018 8:24:33 PM
Subject: Updated Slides/EE/Pres Memo
working file full deck april+Vera on EO 4 16 18.pptx

Yvonne: here you go **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

Ben, thanks for your language. I cut/pasted the talking points you developed in.

Just FYI, I talked with PACS and there are no talking points for the memo.

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Importance: High

Go ahead and make changes to the version you sent me on Friday. I will not incorporate those until you provide me the OK.

Thank you,

Yvonne W. Johnson

Special Assistant to the Director

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Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 11:58 AM

To: Wood, Anna <Wood.Anna@epa.gov>

Cc: Johnson, Yvonne W <Johnson.Yvonnew@epa.gov>

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Hi Anna:

I went ahead and updated slides per the recently issued presidential memorandum. Here's what I did.

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Hi Vera, will you please take a look at this presidential memorandum - I think I need a slide for

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The SILs guidance is included in the splash after all – see highlighted language

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From: woods.clint@epa.gov
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 8:22:42 PM
Subject: Re: Edits from CEQ -- Clint, please review

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Good otherwise

On Apr 12, 2018, at 4:17 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Brittany and Clint, can you guys please take a very close look? Just want to make sure before we push this out – I have some reporters asking for it.

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Cc: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Edits from CEQ -- Clint, please review

Also add the link from Clint and make sure that Clint sees the final as he is reviewing the edits from CEQ that I got

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Edits from CEQ -- Clint, please review

Will make those changes now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2018, at 3:46 PM, Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov> wrote:

This is Clint

WH memo link: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-memorandum-administrator-environmental-protection-agency/>

Link to our action: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-04/documents/no2_final_notice_4.6.18.pdf

Fine with changes to bullets/quotes

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To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Cc: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Wehrum, Bill <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>; Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: NAAQS Memo and NO2 Release

Nice work, thank you. Molly, can you please update and send it around? I will check back on timing, as should be soon

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On Apr 12, 2018, at 1:19 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

One more additional quote:

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Molly

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From: Robert.Hodanbosi@epa.ohio.gov
Sent: Fri 4/20/2018 6:50:37 PM
Subject: Re: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

I will be on my office Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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On Apr 19, 2018, at 8:30 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes - Thanks!

On Apr 19, 2018, at 8:26 PM, "Robert.Hodanbosi@epa.ohio.gov" <Robert.Hodanbosi@epa.ohio.gov> wrote:

Would 3:00 pm work for you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2018, at 7:38 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

Bob,

Any chance later in the afternoon might work? Thanks!

Clint Woods

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From: Robert.Hodanbosi@epa.ohio.gov
[mailto:Robert.Hodanbosi@epa.ohio.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:25 PM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

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Thanks

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Cc: Woods, Clint[woods.clint@epa.gov]
From: Bolen, Brittany
Sent: Fri 4/6/2018 4:46:39 PM
Subject: RE: NAAQS Memo Timing

Hey Liz – please be sure to copy Clint on NAAQS related emails. Irrespective of the memo getting signed today, we have court-ordered deadline to issue final NO2 NAAQS.

Thanks,

BB

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:43 PM
To: Love, Kelly A. **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** Catanzaro, Michael J.
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Cc: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
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We were told that there is no event/ceremony, but that there would just be a closed-door signing without press.

From: Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Catanzaro, Michael J. EOP/WHO Mercedes V. EOP/WHO
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Cc: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
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Adding Mercy. I don't believe this is happening today.

From: Bowman, Liz [<mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:40 PM

To: [REDACTED] **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

Cc: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO

[REDACTED] **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>

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Hi Mike,

Can you please let us know when the president signs the memo on NAAQS, so that EPA can release? We are finalizing a draft now and can share it shortly. Just want to touch base on timing.

Thanks,

Liz Bowman

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Office: 202-564-3293

To: Woods, Clint[woods.clint@epa.gov]
From: Dominguez, Alexander
Sent: Fri 4/6/2018 3:18:03 PM
Subject: RE: NAAQS Memo & NO2 Standards Draft Press Release
POTUS NAAQS Memo NO2 Standards Press Release Draft.docx

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From: Dominguez, Alexander
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.Clint@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NAAQS Memo & NO2 Standards Draft Press Release

Attached.

AK RH Press Release begins at the bottom of page two.

From: Dominguez, Alexander
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:26 PM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.Clint@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NAAQS Memo & NO2 Standards Draft Press Release

Attached with some additions although still a rough draft

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From: Keogh, Becky
Sent: Fri 4/13/2018 12:01:50 PM
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From: Misael Cabrera
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 11:27:59 PM
Subject: RE: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

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Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 9:23:23 PM
Subject: Re: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

Thanks Clint!

On Apr 12, 2018, at 5:20 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-04/documents/no2_final_notice_4.6.18.pdf

On Apr 12, 2018, at 5:04 PM, Nick Goldstein <ngoldstein@artba.org> wrote:

Thanks Clint - did the NOx announcement get made as well? If so, do you have a link?

Nick

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Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 9:17:29 PM
Subject: Re: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

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Great, Clint.

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Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards
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Kara Valentine, Deputy Dir for Land and Air 402 471-3372

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Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 8:16:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: White House memo
THE WHITE HOUSE.docx

If there's any insight next week.....

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:30:13 PM
To: Michael Vince
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Michael,

We'll want to ask EPA HQ what they know about this memo, and what they think it means for the states.

- Catharine

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From: Dominguez, Alexander
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 6:58:53 PM
Subject: RE: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation
[POTUS NAAQS Memo.pdf](#)

Just released in Politico – see attached

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To: Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
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Thanks Alex. Clint you mind sending?

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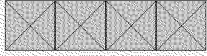
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DONALD J. TRUMP

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(d) You are hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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Sent: Thur 4/5/2018 2:40:15 PM
Subject: NAAQS Memo & NO2 Standards Draft Press Release
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Based off the Arkansas Regional Haze Press Release and the Oil and Gas CTG Press Release attached is a rough draft (more of an outline) of how I would envision the combined POTUS & NO2 press release going. I can certainly work up a more filled in version based on the talkers, etc. if you would like so please let me know if that's the case.

Alex Dominguez

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From: Woods, Clint
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Subject: Re: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

Yes - Thanks!

On Apr 19, 2018, at 8:26 PM, "Robert.Hodanbosi@epa.ohio.gov"
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Would 3:00 pm work for you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2018, at 7:38 PM, Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov> wrote:

Bob,

Any chance later in the afternoon might work? Thanks!

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From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Fri 4/13/2018 10:33:43 PM
Subject: Re: EPA NAAQs Release - Going Shortly

Mary,

My belated congratulations on this, and thanks for the feedback on our release. Will follow up soon on next steps for us.

Clint

On Apr 12, 2018, at 3:31 PM, Neumayr, Mary B. EOP/CEQ <[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]> wrote:

I just called Liz with minor comments.

Mary B. Neumayr

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From: Catanzaro, Michael J. EOP/WHO

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:30 PM

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Good here. Adding Mary N. for her views.

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To: Cone, Marc A[Marc.A.Cone@maine.gov]
From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Thur 4/12/2018 10:04:29 PM
Subject: RE: Presidential Memo on Implementation of Air Quality Standards Showcases EPA Progress on Promoting Domestic Manufacturing and Job Creation

Marc,

Thanks so much! Heard we may be seeing a draft via Region 1 soon. Let me know how we can help!

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Marc

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- Administrator Pruitt inherited a backlog of more than 700 SIPs. Since March 2017, EPA has taken final action on more than 350 SIPs.
- EPA, in close collaboration with states, plans to increase the number of areas that meet NAAQS by approximately 20 percent.
- The Agency is taking action to simplify the New Source Review process and has committed to reduce, by 50 percent, the number of permitting-related decisions that exceed six months by October 2019.
- While tremendous progress has been made in reducing criteria pollutants and regional haze, background and international air pollution contributes significantly to air quality issues under increasingly stringent standards. EPA is committed to maximize flexibility for the Clean Air Act tools for regulatory relief, including through the exclusion of data from “exceptional events” and provisions to address violations caused by international – including non-North American – sources. Since 2016, EPA has received and acted upon more than 20 “exceptional event” demonstrations, nearly all of which concurred with state recommendations.
- In January 2018, EPA announced decisions to revisit onerous and duplicative parts of the Obama’s Administration’s Regional Haze Rule and to finalize additional flexibilities for state plans due in 2021.

“The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has been a leader in exceptional event demonstrations and we appreciate the Administration’s commitment to timely review of the same. And, we wholeheartedly support the continuing study of background and international transport of air pollutants,” **said Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Misaël Cabrera.**

“This new directive to streamline the approval process for state air quality plans is welcome news,” **said Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary Dan Meyer.** “EPA’s efforts to work cooperatively with states on Clean Air Act issues in a timely manner will encourage economic growth while protecting the environment.”

“Having reduced air pollution from local sources in our region by more than 85 percent, we are grateful for EPA’s initiative to streamline implementation and provide for better accounting of international pollution transport as we continue our efforts to further reduce air pollution and improve public health for San Joaquin Valley residents,” **said Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District in California Seyed Sadredin.**

“The current Clean Air Act regulatory review process is confusing, results in conflicting standards, and does not provide local officials with the predictability they need to develop long-term transportation plans aimed at reducing emissions. ARTBA endorses the Trump Administration’s plan to reform the process to speed up the delivery of transportation improvement projects while also maintaining environmental protections,” **said American Road & Transportation Builders Association President & CEO Peter Ruane.**

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